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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In most cases, the exceptional cases are cases of only favourites which gives room to partiality. I hope, Sir, the Government will see that such a thing does not happen in future."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought we should respect the wishes and the recommendations of the High Court because they are the Judges and they are supposed to act in a very judicial manner."

Implementation of the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal by the Gordon Press, Madras.

* 961 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the Government did not take steps to get the award given by the Labour Appellate Tribunal on 22nd May 1953 and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on June 24, 1953, implemented by the Gordon Press, Madras-2, regarding the payment of compensation to a retrenched worker?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The worker died and the question of payment to his heirs is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, according to the Labour Appellate Tribunal Act, is it not mandatory on the part of the management to implement the award within one month and why has it not been implemented by this State Government after one month? Why should the Government wait till the worker dies?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, in September 1953 the Madras Press Labour Union requested the Government to implement the award of the Tribunal. The Commissioner of Labour reported that Natesa Mudaliar died in 1953, but that his wife was alive and that the Union wanted the compensation to be paid to the heir, the wife of the deceased, and the management agreed to pay the compensation to her. But they did not pay and so, a ' show cause notice ' was issued and they did not reply. The Commissioner of Labour has reported that he is asking the Labour Officer to obtain an application from the widow. The other question whether the Management is bound to pay compensation to the heirs and if they do not pay, whether a prosecution can be launched against the Management is under examination."

Co-operative Societies in the City.

* 962 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies in the City of Madras and the various kinds of societies and their liabilities;

(b) the amount of loan granted to those societies and the interest charged in the year 1952; and

(c) the amount recovered from those societies in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) A statement * is placed on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, from the Hon. Minister for Health, arising from the statement placed on the table of the House, the number of buildings constructed by the Housing and Building Societies in the City of Madras for the houseless Harijans and the amount of aid and loan granted to them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B SHETTY :—" A separate question may be asked, Sir."

State-aid to Bell-metal Society, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 963 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any request for State-aid from the Bell-metal Society, Payyanur (Malabar), and if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The request of the Society is under consideration."

Grant of subsidy to newspapers published by Harijans.

* 964 *Q.*—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are giving any subsidy to any newspaper published by Harijans in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No."

Payment of salary to the District Board Elementary School teachers, Malabar.

* 965 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum from the various branches of the Malabar District Board Elementary School Teachers' Union complaining against the irregularity in the payment of their salary every month, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have received representations asking for the payment of salaries before the 10th of succeeding month.

The Government have issued instructions to the effect that salaries of the District Board Elementary School teachers, for each month should be paid as early as possible and in any case, not later than the 15th of the succeeding month. The

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